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## Weekly Message from Superintendent Ritz September 6, 2016

Last year, Congress and the president replaced No Child Left Behind with the Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA. ESSA gives states new flexibility from federal requirements, allowing the state to reclaim more control of education policy.

To that end, the Department is diligently working to develop the Indiana ESSA Plan. As part of that work, we have created numerous stakeholder groups to provide expert insight in education policy. The path to creating a great plan includes timely and meaningful engagement with these groups. We have included a [visual layout of input](#) that the Department will utilize for the development of its consolidated State plan.

In addition, the Department is hosting a statewide listening tour to garner feedback directly from families, educators and communities. We have also created an [online portal](#) with information and resources as well as an online comment tool so that you can provide us with feedback. I encourage you to stay engaged on this ESSA topic as we move through the school year.

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Last week, the Department announced that 19 programs around the state would be receiving the third round of funding from the Career and Technical Education Rural Grant. Fifteen career and technical education districts and four post-secondary institutions received grants totaling more than \$1.73 million to support innovative projects focused on the development, improvement and/or expansion of career and technical education (CTE) programs in rural areas. You can learn more information about the grant by clicking [here](#).

Finally, last week I also announced additional steps we are taking to ensure that all Hoosier students have a learning environment that is safe and welcoming. No student can learn unless they are safe. I know that keeping our children safe is a responsibility that our schools take very seriously. The Department is expanding the services it provides to local schools and law enforcement to make this happen. We will also be working with the legislature in the upcoming session to strengthen Indiana's laws. You can read more about the Department's plan [here](#).

Have a great week!

Glenda Ritz, NBCT  
Indiana Superintendent of Public  
Instruction

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### **ESSA Flexibility Waiver Related News**

Although ESSA does not go into effect until the 2017/2018 school year, there are new provisions pertaining to the McKinney-Vento Act that go into effect October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. Some of the new or changed requirements focus on removing enrollment barriers; the dispute resolution process; and the transportation of homeless students. For more information, you can find the U.S. Department of Education's guidance on this topic [on their website](#).

If you have any questions, please contact Federal Relations Director Jeff Coyne at [jcoyne@doe.in.gov](mailto:jcoyne@doe.in.gov).

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Through the Hoosier Family of Readers initiative, students and their families across the state have unlimited access to reading material on [myON](#).

## IDOE Memoranda

### **NEW** - ISTAR Update

- ISTAR Spring 2016 Results
  - [Memorandum to Superintendents, Principals, Test Coordinators](#)
  - [ISTAR Quick Reference Guide](#)
  - [ISTAR Parent Information](#)

**NEW - Priority and Technical Dual Credit Crosswalks and FAQs, 2016-17** The Department and the Commission for Higher Education are sharing the 2016-17 Dual Credit Crosswalks for Priority and Technical Dual Credit. These crosswalks are intended to assist school personnel as they provide guidance to students regarding specific coursework. More information can be found in the [attached memorandum](#).

**NEW - Student Advisory Council** The Department invites high school juniors from around the state to apply for membership on the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council. Currently, the Department is accepting applications from students in Congressional Districts 1, 2, 5, 6, 7 and 8. Deadline is September 23. See the [attached document](#) for more information.

### **NEW** - ISTEP+ Update

- MEMO: Pearson has launched a supplemental online site with thousands of learning resources for teachers and families. Read more in the [Perspective: Pearson's Resource Site](#) memo.
  - [Perspective Quick Guide for Parents ISTEP+ Spring 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
  - [Perspective Quick Guide for Educators ISTEP+ Spring 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
- MEMO: The Office of Student Assessment has many updates for ISTEP+ Grades 3-8. Read more in the [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Grades 3-8 results](#) memo.
  - [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Student Data File \(SDF\) Layout.xlsx](#)
  - [ISTEP+ Phase 1b Grades 3-8 Reporting Guide Spring 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
  - [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 OnDemand Reports Undetermined Status Screen Shots.pdf](#)
- MEMO: The Office of Student Assessment has had many updates regarding the ISTEP+ Grade 10 results, including updates about the parent portal and the rescore window. Read more in the [ISTEP+ Grade 10 memo](#).
  - [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Accessing Part 1 Items and Student Responses Gr 3-8 10 8-22-16.pdf](#)

- [Use of Part 1 \(Applied Skills\) Items and Scoring Notes to Improve Achievement Summer 2016.pdf](#)
- [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 OnDemand Reports Undetermined Status Screen Shots.pdf](#)
- [ISTEP+ Parent Portal Guide Grade 10 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
- [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Gr 10 Rescore Information 8-22-16.pdf](#)
- [ISTEP+ Phase I Grade 10 Reporting Guide Spring 2016 FINAL.pdf](#)
- [ISTEP+ Grade 10 Cut Scores 8-22-16.pdf](#)
- [ISTEP+ Spring 2016 Student Data File \(SDF\) Layout.xlsx](#)

**UPDATED - 2016-17 Formative Assessment Grant:** The Indiana Department of Education is pleased to announce to public school corporations, charter schools and accredited nonpublic schools that the Formative Assessment Grant *Request to Participate* form for grades K - 10 opened on **August 22, 2016** and closes on **September 16, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. (Eastern)**. The information below provides more details regarding the process and resources created to support your local choices. Please feel free to contact the Office of Student Assessment via email at [FormativeAssessments@doe.in.gov](mailto:FormativeAssessments@doe.in.gov) regarding any questions or requests for assistance.

- [NEW Memo Formative Assessment Grant Update Fall 2015 PE Count Clarification](#)
- [NEW Student Count Examples](#)
- [NEW Updated Instructions: 2016-17 Formative Assessment Grant Request to Participate Form](#)
- [Formative Assessment Grant Request to Participate Form Overview WebEx Recording](#)
- [Formative Assessment Grant Request to Participate Form Overview WebEx PowerPoint](#)
- [Formative Assessment Grant FAQs](#)
- [\(Application Form\) Formative Assessment Grant Request to Participate Form](#)
- [How to Re-open Request to Participate Form Instructions](#)
- [Formative Assessment Website](#)

**NEW - 2016 Summer School** The window to submit the Final Instructional Costs report for summer school opened on Friday, July 29, 2016. The report must be submitted on or before Thursday, September 15, 2016. The link to submit the report can be accessed on our website at [www.doe.in.gov/finance/summer-school](http://www.doe.in.gov/finance/summer-school) or by using this link: <https://summerschool.doe.in.gov/Authentication/Login?ReturnUrl=%2f>. If you have further questions regarding summer school, please contact Kathryn Roth at [kr Roth@doe.in.gov](mailto:kr Roth@doe.in.gov) or Melissa Ambre at [mambre@doe.in.gov](mailto:mambre@doe.in.gov).

**EL Plan Memo** Due to ESSA's requirements for each state to include progress for English learners in its statewide accountability system, the Indiana Department of Education is proactively updating its technical assistance. Please see the [attached memo](#) regarding the submission of district-wide English Learner Plans as well as opportunities to receive technical assistance. **Plans are due by October 1, 2016** to [adietrich@doe.in.gov](mailto:adietrich@doe.in.gov). LEAs that apply for Title III do not need to submit anything further. The submission of English Learner Plans during this year of transition will allow the Department and LEAs to prepare for the

2017-2018 school year when ESSA fully takes effect to address accountability and funding requirements. Please reach out with any questions or concerns at (317) 233-0786 or [adietrich@doe.in.gov](mailto:adietrich@doe.in.gov).

**21st Century Community Learning Centers** The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers initiative is federally funded and supports more than 200 out of school time program sites and 22,000 children in Indiana. This year's grant application cycle begins on August 22<sup>nd</sup> with the release of the RFP. Interested participants must indicate an intent to **apply by September 23, 2016**. Technical Assistance will be provided to support programs in the completion of the grant application. Please see <http://www.doe.in.gov/21stcccl> for the RFP and resources regarding application.

**Textbook Reimbursement Claim Form 2016-17** Please submit the "Summary of Costs and Reimbursement Claim Form 2016-17 School Textbook Material Costs and Eligible Student Counts" and student level data electronically between **September 30 and October 31, 2016**. Beginning this year, the Department will accept submissions of the signed claim form electronically. The Department will no longer accept hard copy information. Information on the submission process can be found in the textbook layout in the Data Collection and Reporting Community of the Learning Connection. Attached are the [Public School Memorandum](#), the [Non-Public School Memorandum](#), the [Public School Claim Form](#) and the [Non-Public School Claim Form](#). If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Ambre at [mambre@doe.in.gov](mailto:mambre@doe.in.gov).

**Staff Performance Evaluation Plan Submission** Legal Standard 12 requires each public school corporation school to provide a copy of its entire staff performance evaluation plan to the Indiana Department of Education. The evaluation plans must be submitted through DOE Online for Accreditation Legal Standard 12 by **September 15, 2016**. Charter schools submit their staff performance evaluation plans via email to [charterevaluation@doe.in.gov](mailto:charterevaluation@doe.in.gov). For additional information, [please see the attached memorandum](#). Submissions must include a completed [IDOE Evaluation Plan Submission Coversheet 2016-2017](#) (attached). Contact Caitlin Beatson at [cbeatson@doe.in.gov](mailto:cbeatson@doe.in.gov) with questions

**School Improvement Plan (SIP) and Student Achievement Plan (SAP) Submission** Per P.L. 221, all Indiana public schools must annually submit a school improvement plan. School Improvement Plans (SIP) for SY 16-17 will be **due October 1, 2016**. For Focus/Priority Schools, Student Achievement Plans (SAP) are also due October 1, 2016. Please see the [attached memorandum](#) for further guidance for schools to submit the SIP/SAP through DOE Online or [AdvancED](#).

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## Professional Development

**NEW - Community Health Network and Butler University College of Education proudly present a:** Youth Brain Development and Suicide Prevention Summit. Experts in education and mental health will share fascinating new information about youth brain development and why some children are vulnerable to suicide, substance abuse and behavior problems.

- Where: Clowes Memorial Hall of Butler University Indianapolis

- When: Tuesday, September 13, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. [Register here](#).

**NEW - Online Book Study Opportunity** Sign up for the CCR Educator 6-12 Fall Online Book Study beginning October 3rd. Secondary Educators who participate will network with other Indiana educators, have great conversations about mindsets in the classroom, and can earn up to 15 PGPs. We are reading *Mindsets in the Classroom: Building a Culture of Success and Student Achievement in Schools* by Mary Cay Ricci. [Click here for sign up and more information](#); the book study will be facilitated through Google's Blogger. Email [Jenny Berry](#) with any questions!

**NEW - Indiana School Social Worker Association Fall Conference** is having a fall conference celebrating their 20th anniversary on September 23, 2016 in Greenwood. The conference will include workshops, keynote speakers and opportunities for networking. More information can be found on the [INSSWA website](#).

**Writing Pathways to Disciplinary Learning** Participants will leave at the end of the day with "writing to learn" activities and an assignment design that they can implement in their courses and perhaps even during the Fall '16 semester. The focus of the conference will be on writing in the discipline with an emphasis on the connection among writing, critical thinking and reading. [More information can be found in the brochure](#).

**National Career Pathways Network Conference** The NCPN conference (Oct 5-7) is in Indianapolis this year and will offer a full day of pre-conference workshops on Career Pathways, CTE, business-education partnerships, and other important topics. [More information can be found on their website](#).

**Bicentennial during the 2016-2017 school year, 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**, This is a great opportunity for 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Classrooms during the first school semester. The Indiana State House Tour Office, in conjunction with the Indiana Center for the Book, holds an essay competition to commemorate Indiana Statehood Day each year. Indiana's 200th birthday is December 11, 2016. Winners of the essay contest are honored at a Statehood Day Celebration at one of four participating locations in downtown Indianapolis. For more information, please visit the [Bicentennial website](#).

**National Alliance for Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP)** 2016 National Conference in Louisville, KY. October 16-18, 2016, Louisville, KY For Information please visit the [NACEP website](#).

**Indiana Education Service Centers** offer a variety of professional development opportunities. To learn more about professional learning opportunities in your area, visit the website of an Education Service Center in your area.

- [Region 8 Education Service Center](#)
- [Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Northwest Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [Southern Indiana Education Service Center](#)
- [East Central Indiana Education Service Center](#)
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## Legislative & Policy Updates

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## Information from Other Agencies

**NEW - 21st Century Scholars Grants** The Indiana Commission for Higher Education is asking high schools and community organizations to apply for a portion of \$500,000 in grant funds available to ensure students in Indiana's 21st Century Scholars program complete new scholarship requirements. Approximately one third of Scholars in the graduating Class of 2017 are currently on track to earn the state scholarship that pays for up to four years of college tuition. More information can be found on the [Scholars Success Program website](#) or by contacting the [Commission for Higher Education](#).

**Indiana State Fair, The Barns Learning Initiative, "2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Ag Field Day"**: Second grade participants will be educated about the importance of agriculture; from the food they consume to the clothes they wear. Educational demonstrations and activities will have students explore agricultural products and importance of food production. Indiana has the great privilege to host the National FFA Conference. FFA members from across the country will be participating in the conference, in honor of FFA National Days of Service. October 20<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> Register [Here](#).

**Schoolhouse News, from the Indiana Association of School Principals** is full of timely, pertinent information to keep you up to date and informed regarding educational matters around the state. [www.iasp.org/shn/09.02.16.pdf](http://www.iasp.org/shn/09.02.16.pdf)

**Dear Indiana School Teachers:** It is "Back to School" time, start off the year with a memorable educational fieldtrip to the 2016 Indiana State Fair. The Indiana State Fair Fieldtrips are an opportunity for Classroom and Home Educators to enhance curriculum by utilizing an educational experience that cannot be accomplished in the classroom setting. New this year, educators will be able to create a unique self-guided fieldtrip experience by selecting from participating exhibits at the Fair. Educators will be equipped with activities and ideas that can build upon the students' exploration and interaction at the Indiana State Fair. Fieldtrips require pre-registration and 15 or more students to participate. Learn more at the [Indiana State Fair Website](#).

**[This week on The Friday Zone](#)** - Get cooking with a foodie-fun adventure as a special guest serves up a tasty treat. An amazing water glass stunt that you can try at home. Small Talk takes a microscopic look at spaghetti noodles. Felix gets a lesson in good hygiene. The Friday Zone is a weekly program on Indiana PBS stations that uses hands-on demonstrations to teach children in grades K-2 principles drawn from state educational standards. Check your local station for times. [Get free](#)



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